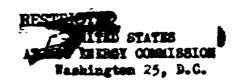
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EKMORAEDUM for Mr. J. A. Derry

Brig. General James McCorneck. Jr.

Subjects Mikini Expedition - News Bepartment

- I had seemt to see you this nessing about the new Mikind Expedition, but here is the problem in brief.
- A THE STATE OF THE 2. The Navy is sending out three ships, sailing from New Francisco about July 1, including an APA for personnel, a submarine tender for techmical work, and on LGI for something. The expedition will spend about three weeks at Bikimi. The project is to see that is left, especially from Took Beker.
- The Havy would like to have Br. L. R. Donaldson, of the University of Washington, tegether with a group of about ten of his people, as members of the party. Since Dr. Donaldson is working on an AEC contract, sould this trip be considered a part of the contract and paid for by the ABC? Total cost is estimated at about \$25,000.
- The Navy also needs a half dosen rallin-chemists. They partieslarly want Roy Overstreet and Lewis Jacobson from the University of Califormia. The University is not enthusiastic. Mr. Forrestal has weitten to President Sproul. Would Mr. Lilienthal be willing to write to President Sproul? A suggested draft letter is on the way from the Javy.
- The Havy also needs authorisation, and probably some help, in connection with the other four radio-chemists. Particularly they want to proselyte at Argonne and Glinton. In this connection, can the University of Galifornia contract accept these half dosen people?
- Commander Revelle is the interested party in the Navy Department. I have promised to give him answers to his questions. You will see that the time factor is argent.

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